GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SEED CROP INSURANCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched a comprehensive Seed Crop Insurance Scheme tofacilitate growth of seed industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of crops identified/selected under the scheme;

(d) the number of farmers covered thereunder, State-wise;

(e) the amount in respect of each seed crop required to be paid by farmers; and

(f) the amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme as on March 31, 2002, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): A pilot scheme on Seed Crop Insurance has been launched with effect from Rabi 1999-2000 inorder to provide financial security and income stability to the seed growers in the event of failure of seed crops; to strengthen confidence in the existing seed breeders/growers and encourage new breeders/growers to undertake seed production programme of newly released hybrid/improved varieties; to provide stability to the infrastructure established by the State owned Seed Corporations/State Farms; and to give a boost to the Modern Seed Industry and bring it under scientific management.

The scheme is implemented through the General Insurance Corporation of India.

(c): Seed Crop of Paddy, Wheat, Bajra, Jowar, Maize, Arhar, Gram, Groundnut, Soyabean, Sunflowerand Cotton are covered under the scheme.

(d): 392 farmers have, so far, been insured under the scheme (Haryana 13, Karntaka 17, Orissa 103, Gujarat 17 and Uttar Pradesh 242).

(e): Premium at the rate of 3% for paddy, 2% for wheat, 3.5% for Jowar, 5% for Bajra, 5% for maize, 5% for Soyabean, 2.5% for Sunflower, 2% for Groundnut, 5% for Gram, 5% for Tur and 5% for cotton is required to be paid by farmers.

(f): The amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme as on March 31, 2002, State-wise is annexed.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT SHOWING AMOUT SANCTIONED AND SPENT UPTO 31.3.02 UNDER PILOT SCHEME ON SEED CROP INSURANCE

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No	Name of Agency	Funds Sanctioned		Total amount spent up to 31.3.02
		1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
	STATE SEEDS CERTIFICATION AGENCY			

1	Andhra Pradesh	7.50	-	-	7.50
2	Gujarat	4.00	-	-	4.00
3	Haryana	3.00	5.00	-	8.00
4	Karnataka	5.00	2.50	5.00	7.50
5	Madhya Pradesh	5.00	2.50	-	7.50
6	Orissa	2.00	5.00	-	1.02
7	Punjab	1.50	2.50	-	0.31
8	Rajasthan	4.50	7.50	-	4.75
9	Maharashtra	7.50	-	-	0.65
10	Uttar Pradesh	10.00	10.00	10.00	20.00
	Total	50.00	35.00	15.00	61.23
	STATE SEEDS CORPORATION				
1	Andhra Pradesh	1.50	2.50	-	-
2	Gujarat	0.80	2.50	-	-
3	Haryana	0.60	2.50	-	2.50
4	Karnataka	1.00	2.50	2.50	2.50
5	Maharashtra	1.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
6	Madhya Pradesh	1.00	2.50	-	-
7	Orissa	0.40	2.50	-	-
8	Punjab	0.30	2.50	-	1.20
9	Rajasthan	0.90	2.50	-	1.40
10	Uttar Pradesh	2.00	5.00	-	5.00
11	National Seeds Corporation	-	5.00	-	-
12	State Farms Corporation of India	-	2.50	-	-
	Total	10.00	35.00	5.00	15.10
	General Insurance Corporation of India (GICI)	26.50	-	-	6.33
	Grand Total	86.50	70.00	20.00	82.66